

COUNTRY Eastern Germany

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TOPIC Military Information from the Ohrdruf Training Area

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REMARKS

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- 25X1 1. Prior to 1 August 1952, the Altes Lager in Ohrdruf (M 51/J 15), the barracks installation on Arnstedter Strasse and the adjoining camp in the town were occupied to capacity. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignias were seen. At 9:30 a.m. on 24 July, 22 soldiers wearing uniforms made of denim and armed with submachine guns marched out of the installation in the direction of the rifle range.

At 10:30 a.m., trucks [] carrying 32 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and four large boxes left the camp in the direction of Gotha. At 10:15 a.m., 23 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with submachine guns marched from Ohrdruf in the direction of Crawinkel. At 12:30 p.m., two groups each of 18 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with submachine guns were seen marching on the Ohrdruf-Crawinkel road in the direction of Crawinkel. They appeared rather dirty. Motor vehicles seen at the Altes Lager during the period from 2 to 3 p.m. []

- 25X1 [] The guard personnel consisting of 1 lieutenant and 8 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets stationed at the Lindenhof Inn were relieved by personnel coming from the barracks installation on Arnstedter Strasse. Motor vehicles [] were seen at the Altes Lager during the period from 8:30 to 9 a.m. on 20 July.

2. Prior to 1 August, the wood camp west of Crawinkel was occupied to capacity. Tents each sheltering about 12 soldiers were erected and occupied. The soldiers seen wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia. At about 10 a.m. on 20 July, five T-34 tanks [] were seen entering the camp coming from the direction of Ohrdruf. Five groups of between 10 and 15 soldiers were seen receiving instruction in the terrain. The soldiers were rather young. About 14 camouflaged tanks were noticed in the Obererlebach camp section. No details could be seen. Trucks [] were seen entering and leaving the camp.

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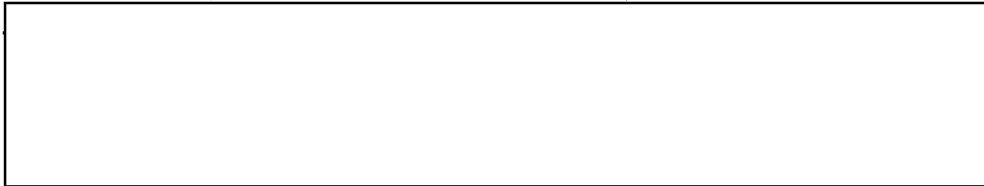
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3. At 10:35 p.m. on 1 August, a train of 22 boxcars and 22 flatcars carrying 160 to 200 soldiers wearing black coveralls, 16 T-34 tanks, 5 trucks, 1 ambulance, 2 sedans and 3 sidecar motorcycles was seen at the Erfurt railroad station headed for Gotha. *

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